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1. As a result of negotiations at the time of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the non-Communist parties were successful in forcing the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to agree to the establishment of a Standing Committee of the CPPCC. This organ is an extra-governmental one; its functions will be to maintain liaison among the parties represented in the government, to reconcile differences among the parties, and, in some situations to act as a brake on the ambitions of the CCP for monopoly control of power.
2. The CPPCC Standing Committee will be the arena in which the various parties will decide on the government posts each will have. If one party's popular support shows an increase, this increase will be translated into governmental power through negotiations carried on in the Standing Committee.
3. The Standing Committee is for party negotiation only. Control over organic changes in the structure of the government resides in the Central People's Government Council.
4. The representation various parties now enjoy on the Standing Committee is in the same proportion they formerly held in the full CPPCC.

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